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SUBJECT: IEA/NEA RELATIONSHIPS

REF: VANDERRYN(ERDA)/KRAMISH LETTER DECEMBER 23, 1975

1. REFERENCED LETTER EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER LACK OF
RECOGNITION TO IEA BEING GIVEN BY NEA IN EXECUTION OF
ITS LEAD ROLE FOR IEA IN THE WASTE MANAGEMENT AND
REACTOR SAFETY AREAS. MISSION HAS HAD EXTENSIVE DIS-
CUSSION WITH NEA AND IEA SECRETARIATS CONCERNING THIS
PROBLEM AND HAS CONCLUDED THAT IT WILL BE POLITICALLY
AWKWARD AND PROBABLY COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE TO SEEK TO GIVE
MORE PROMINENCE TO IEA IN SUCH MATTERS AS NEA OFFICIAL
DOCUMENTATION, OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS OF MEETINGS, ETC.
ALSO, IT SHOULD BE NOTED IN THIS REGARD THAT EXTERNAL
PUBLICITY RELATING TO IEA ACTIVITIES HAS DOWN-PLAYED
NEA'S ROLE. FOR EXAMPLE, OECD OBSERVER NO. 78 OF
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1975 DESCRIBES IEA'S ENERGY R&D

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PROGRAMS, BUT THE WORK DONE BY LEAD COUNTRIES AND LEAD

ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS REGARD, SUCH AS NEA, WERE NOT PROMINENTLY MENTIONED.

2. WASHINGTON AGENCIES WILL APPRECIATE THAT SENSITIVE POLITICAL ASPECTS ARE AT THE ROOT OF THIS PROBLEM. MOST IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION, WE BELIEVE, IS THAT WORK ASSIGNMENTS BE CARRIED OUT IN EFFECTIVE AND EXPEDITIOUS MANNER. KELLY OF IEA SECRETARIAT HAS GIVEN MISSION ASSURANCES THAT SECRETARIAT WILL BE CAREFUL IN FUTURE TO ASSURE TO EXTENT POSSIBLE THAT IEA INITIATIVES ARE GIVEN APPROPRIATE PUBLICITY. THEY ARE APPRECIATIVE OF ERDA'S ALERTING THEM TO THIS CONTINUING NECESSITY.

3. AS INDICATED IN REFERENCED LETTER FRG MISSION TO THE OECD HAS LOOKED INTO THE MATTER. SCICOUNS SCHREITERER REPORTS THAT THEY HAVE REACHED ESSENTIALLY THE SAME CONCLUSIONS.
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